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Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

Review of part two: biennial programme plan by sectoral, functional and regional bodies

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat provides herewith information on the review of the proposed part two: biennial programme plan of the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 by the relevant sectoral, functional and regional bodies.

2. Annexes I to VI below provide an overview of action taken by the relevant intergovernmental bodies and by the Secretariat. The relevant documents, as available, can be provided to the Committee, as necessary.

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Annex I

Overview of action taken on the review of part two: biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 by relevant intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document and document number*	*Comments*
1. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	Committee on Conferences	-	The Committee will meet in September 2004.
2. Political affairs			
Subprogramme 1. Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts	None	-	-
Subprogramme 2. Electoral assistance	None	-	-
Subprogramme 3. Security Council affairs	Security Council	-	The Council does not review the Department's objectives or work plans.
Subprogramme 4. Decolonization	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	-	The proposed biennial programme plan has been brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Special Committee. No comments have been received.
Subprogramme 5. Question of Palestine	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	-	The draft proposed biennial programme plan was reviewed by the Bureau of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The amendments made by the Bureau were incorporated.

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document and document number*	*Comments*
Subprogramme 6. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	None	-	-
3. Disarmament	Disarmament Commission	-	-
4. Peacekeeping operations	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations	-	The proposed biennial programme plan was not reviewed.
5. Peaceful uses of outer space	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	Not yet issued	The Committee has agreed to the draft proposed biennial programme plan (A/AC.105/L.257/Add.3).
6. Legal affairs			
Subprogrammes 1-2, 4 and 6	None	-	-
Subprogramme 3. Progressive development and codification of international law	International Law Commission	-	The Commission will review all elements related to its work during the visit of the Legal Counsel, scheduled for 5 July 2004.
Subprogramme 5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)	-	The Commission will review all elements related to its work at its thirty-seventh session, to be held in New York from 14 to 25 June 2004.
7. Economic and social affairs			
Subprogramme 1. Economic and Social Council support and coordination	None	-	-
Subprogramme 2. Gender issues and advancement of women	Commission on the Status of Women	E/2004/27, Supplement No. 7	The Commission took note of the draft proposed biennial programme plan.
Subprogramme 3. Social policy and development	Commission for Social Development	E/2004/26, Supplement No. (not yet issued)	The Commission took note of the draft proposed biennial programme plan. Modifications were incorporated.

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document and document number*	*Comments*
Subprogramme 4. Sustainable development	Commission on Sustainable Development	E/2004/29, Supplement No. 9	The Commission took note of the draft proposed biennial programme plan.
Subprogramme 5. Statistics	Statistical Commission	E/2004/24, Supplement No. 4	The Commission endorsed the draft proposed biennial programme plan.
Subprogramme 6. Population	Commission on Population and Development	E/2004/25, Supplement No. 5	The Commission took note of the draft proposed biennial programme plan.
Subprogramme 7. Global development trends, issues and policies	None	-	-
Subprogramme 8. Public administration, finance and development	Committee of Experts on Public Administration	E/2004/44 E/CN.16/2004/9, Supplement No. 44	The Committee reviewed and unanimously endorsed the draft proposed biennial programme plan.
Subprogramme 9. Sustainable forest management	United Nations Forum on Forests	E/2004/42 (not yet issued)	As a result of discussions of the draft proposed biennial programme plan at its fourth session, the United Nations Forum on Forests decided that since a review of the international arrangement on forests is scheduled at its fifth session in 2005, the biennial programme plan of the subprogramme may be subject to revision.
Subprogramme 10. Financing for development	None	-	-
8. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	None	-	-
9. United Nations Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	None	-	-

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document and document number*	*Comments*
10. Trade and development			
Subprogrammes 1-5. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Trade and Development Board/Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget	-	The Working Party has met and reviewed the relevant section of the proposed biennial programme plan on 4 June 2004, but has not yet finalized its review, pending the outcome of the eleventh session of the Conference, to be held in São Paulo, Brazil, from 13 to 18 June 2004.
Subprogramme 6. International Trade Centre (ITC)	Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/World Trade Organization	ITC/AG/XXXVII/ 200 (7 May 2004)	The Joint Advisory Group endorsed the overall strategic orientation of the International Trade Centre.
11. Environment	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP	-	The outcome of the discussions which was approved by the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UNEP has been incorporated in the proposed biennial programme plan. The Committee also requested that the views of one delegation be brought to the attention of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. Those views are included in annex II.
12. Human settlements	Commission on Human Settlements	-	Member States were consulted through the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and views expressed have been taken into account.

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13. International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice	Commission on Narcotic Drugs	E/2004/28 E/CN.7/2004/13	No specific modifications were proposed by the Commission. In response to general views expressed by the Commission, the Secretariat proposes revisions, as contained in annex III.
	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	E/2004/30 E/CN.15/2004/16	No specific modifications were proposed by the Commission. In response to views expressed by the Commission, the Secretariat proposes revisions, as contained in annex III.
14. Economic and social development in Africa	Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers responsible for Economic and Social Development and Planning	Resolution 842 (XXXVII) of 22 May 2004	The Committee endorsed the proposed biennial programme plan.
15. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	E/2004/39 E/ESCAP/1330	The Commission, at its sixtieth session, endorsed the draft proposed biennial programme plan subject to a number of changes, which have been duly incorporated. See also annex IV.
16. Economic development in Europe	Group of Experts on the Programme of Work	-	The Group of Experts on the Programme of Work met on several occasions in February and March 2004 to review the draft proposed biennial programme plan and made comments that resulted in modifications which have been duly incorporated. The annual session of the Commission has been duly

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			advised by the Chairman of the Group.
17. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	E/2004/ Supplement No. (not yet issued)	The twenty-second session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC and the 7th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group established pursuant to ECLAC resolution 553 (XXVI) were convened at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 20 April 2004. Specific modifications emanating from the meeting have been reflected in the proposed biennial programme plan.
18. Economic and social development in Western Asia	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Consultative Committee of Ambassadors	-	The Consultative Committee of Ambassadors met to review the proposed biennial programme plan. No proposal for revision has been made.
19. Human rights	Commission on Human Rights	E/2004/23 E/CN.4/2004/127 E/CN.4/2004/SR. 59 (not yet issued)	The draft proposed biennial programme plan was circulated at the sixtieth session of the Commission on Human Rights. Comments were made, but no formal decision was taken. These comments appear in annex V.
20. Protection of and assistance to refugees	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Standing Committee	-	No modifications were proposed.
21. Palestine refugees	None	-	-
22. Humanitarian assistance	None	-	-

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23. Public information	Committee on Information	A/59/21 (not yet issued)	The proposed biennial programme plan was reviewed by the Committee at its twenty-sixth session. The outcome of its review, which includes, inter alia, a recommendation for a modification in the text of the overall orientation section of the proposed biennial programme plan, is reflected in paragraphs 33-40 of draft resolution B III contained in document A/AC.198/2004/L.3. The text of these paragraphs is included in annex VI.
24. Management and support services	None	-	-
25. Internal oversight	None	-	-
26. Jointly financed activities	None	-	-

Annex II

The Committee of Permanent Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) brings to the attention of the Committee for Programme and Coordination the following views expressed by one Member State:

(a) Specific inclusion in subprogramme 6 (Environmental conventions) of the UNEP role in assisting Governments that so desire to assess and address their preparedness to comply with the obligations of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) prior to becoming a party;

(b) Addition to paragraph (a) of the strategy of subprogramme 6, of a footnote, which reads "One delegation requested a return to the language originally proposed by the Secretariat: 'Support the ratification, implementation and enforcement of MEAs, giving priority to those administered by UNEP and taking into account the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition,' as the delegation believes that promoting ratification of MEAs is beyond the UNEP mandate."

Annex III

Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 13 (International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice), based on the comments of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

In line with the comments made by the two Commissions, the Secretariat proposes the following amendments to the proposed biennial programme plan:

Overall orientation

Paragraph 13.2

Move (d) before (b) and add (e): "the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, adopted by the Tenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (General Assembly resolution 55/59, annex), the related plans of action (General Assembly resolution 56/261, annex) as well as recommendations of the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Bangkok, April 2005)."

Subprogramme 1
Research, analysis and advocacy

Objective of the Organization

Replace as follows:

"To increase knowledge and understanding of drug, **crime and terrorism issues** and to increase support for the prevention and reduction of illicit drugs**, crime and terrorism.**"

Expected accomplishment of the Secretariat

(a) Replace as follows: "Increased use of the evidence base by the international community to counteract drug, **crime and terrorism problems"**

(c) Replace as follows: "Increased support for national drug control, **crime prevention and criminal justice activities"**

(d) Replace as follows: "Increased public awareness of issues related to drugs, crime and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations **as well as the relevant United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice"**.

Indicator of achievement (d) (ii)

Replace as follows:

"The number of stations that broadcast information on drugs**, crime and terrorism"**.

Subprogramme 2
Services for policy-making and treaty adherence

Objective of the Organization

Replace as follows:

"To facilitate policy-making on issues related to drug control, crime and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and the ratification of and compliance with related treaties, conventions and international legal instruments, particularly the new conventions against corruption and transnational organized crime and the latter's protocols **as well as application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice."**

Expected accomplishment of the Secretariat (c)

Replace as follows:

"Enhanced capacity of Member States to comply with the provisions of treaties and conventions on drugs, crime and the prevention of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations **as well as to apply United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice."**

Indicator of achievement (b)

Add:

"(iv) Increased number of countries that enter into and make use of bilateral and multilateral agreements for extradition and mutual legal assistance".

Subprogramme 3
Technical assistance and advice

Objective of the Organization

Replace as follows:

"To sustainably reduce drug abuse, illicit drug production and drug trafficking and crime, especially trafficking of human beings and other forms of transnational organized crime, money-laundering and corruption, as well as to promote criminal justice reform."

Expected accomplishment of the Secretariat

(a) Replace as follows:

"Strengthened capacity of Member States to deliver policies, strategies and actions in line with **the drug control conventions** and the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session devoted to countering the world drug problem in the six key areas of: drug demand reduction; the production, trafficking and abuse of amphetamines; the control of precursors; judicial cooperation; money-laundering; and the elimination of illicit crops".

Add **"(d) Strengthened capacity of Governments to pursue criminal justice reform in accordance with the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice".**

Indicators of achievement

Add "(d) An increase in the number of countries applying United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice".

Annex IV

The following modifications will be incorporated in programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (A/59/6 (Prog. 15)):

(a) Page 4, Subprogramme 1, Poverty and development, under "Strategy", para. 15.11, last sentence

Replace *the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific* with **the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific**;

(b) Page 12, Legislative mandates, under "*Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions*"

Add the following newly adopted resolutions by the 60th Commission:

60/1 Shanghai Declaration (subprogrammes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

60/3 Work of ESCAP in implementing its technical cooperation projects (subprogrammes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8);

(c) Page 13, Subprogramme 1, Poverty and development, under "*Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions*"

Add the following newly adopted resolution by the 60th Commission:

60/5 Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific;

(d) Page 13, Subprogramme 3, Development of Pacific island countries and territories, under "*Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions*"

Add the following newly adopted resolutions by the 60th Commission:

60/6 Revitalization of the United Nations ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre

60/7 Pacific Urban Agenda;

(e) Page 14, Subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism, under "*Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions*"

Add the following newly adopted resolution by the 60th Commission:

60/4 Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network;

(f) Page 16, Subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues, under "*Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions*"

Add the following newly adopted resolution by the 60th Commission:

60/2 Regional call for action to enhance capacity-building in public health.

Annex V

Comments made at the sixtieth session of the Commission on Human Rights on the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 19 (Human rights) of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

The Chairman of the Commission requested delegations to comment on the proposed biennial programme plan. These comments, as reproduced below, were made by delegations and no formal decision was taken by the Commission.

1. Mr. REYES RODRÍGUEZ (Cuba) said that, regrettably, the proposed strategic framework had been made available in English only, which made it difficult for his delegation to examine it in any depth. Nevertheless, he would make the following preliminary remarks. Under subprogramme 1A, the following sentence should be inserted under "Expected accomplishment": "Promoted and consolidated implementation of a global partnership, as agreed at the Millennium Summit". Under subprogramme 1B, the following sentence should be inserted under "Expected accomplishment": "Achieve strong support for the development of new mechanisms to combat racism, xenophobia and racial discrimination, in particular to implement the Durban Programme of Action". Under subprogramme 3, the following sentence should be inserted under "Expected accomplishment": "Achieve greater consensus concerning the need for contributions to be made without conditions attached". Under subprogramme 4, the following sentence should be inserted under "Expected accomplishment": "Improve the distribution of financial and substantive support between thematic procedures relating to different categories of human rights".

2. Mr. UMER (Pakistan) said that he found the proposed strategic framework somewhat vague in structure and lacking in clearly articulated ideas in several sections. It was also heavily skewed in favour of the monitoring and thematic mechanisms. The activities listed under subprogramme 1 were not very relevant, in his view, to the goal of promoting the right to development. There was a tendency to focus on strengthening the capacity of United Nations agencies and country teams to incorporate human rights in their development, humanitarian and rule of law activities, whereas it should be the other way round: the concept of the right to development should be woven into the activities of all agencies and organizations. With regard to monitoring, he suggested that subprogrammes 2 and 4 should be merged. Under the heading "Measurement of achievement" in subprogramme 4 it was unclear what was meant by "Increase in the number of references to country-specific recommendations made by the thematic mandate-holders contained in the concluding observations and recommendations of treaty bodies, in United Nations partner reports and programmes and in OHCHR technical cooperation projects". Did it mean that the special rapporteurs were to monitor the implementation of recommendations by treaty monitoring bodies, although specialized committees had been set up for that purpose? And did it mean that the sole purpose of technical cooperation would ensure implementation of those recommendations and of the observations of special rapporteurs? He also wondered why technical cooperation projects were addressed under subprogramme 4 rather than subprogramme 3 concerning advisory services and technical cooperation.

3. Mr. CERDA (Argentina) suggested that a reference should be made in subprogramme 3 to the dialogue that had been conducted between Mercosur and OHCHR for the past three years on plans for subregional integration.

4. Ms. WHELAN (Ireland, on behalf of the European Union) supported the document as submitted. The European Union also supported the proposed structure of the secretariat document, since it reflects the Secretary-General's reform programme and General Assembly resolution 57/300, that is, the creation of special procedures and external relations branches. The structure also reflects the ongoing reform work with treaty bodies and special procedures. The European Union also supported that recommendations coming from treaty bodies and that the special procedures be taken into account when elaborating advisory services and technical assistance programmes.

Annex VI

Paragraphs 33 through 40 of draft resolution B III contained in the draft report of the Committee on Information (A/AC.198/2004/L.3), recommended for adoption by the General Assembly, reflect the outcome of the review by the Committee of the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 23 (Public information). The text of these paragraphs is reproduced below:

"III. New programmatic priorities for the Department of Public Information

33. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 on the programmatic aspects for the Department of Public Information;

34. *Notes* that the proposed strategic framework does not include the first part;

35. *Notes also* that the executive direction and management elements of the programme, as well as the details of performance measures (baselines and targets), external factors and outputs, together with resource requirements, will be reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

36. *Stresses* the need to include in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, to the fullest extent possible, quantifiable and verifiable indicators for measuring expected accomplishments, so as to give a clear indication of the progress towards the accomplishment of objectives set;

37. *Also stresses* the importance of full compliance with all legislative mandates when preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

38. *Recommends* that, in the last sentence of paragraph 1 in the Overall orientation section of the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007, the words "in particular, the legislative mandates included in the present biennial programme plan, as well as those of" be inserted after the words "General Assembly", and the word "and" be deleted;

39. *Acknowledges* that the Department of Public Information, with the assistance of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, has developed an annual programme impact review to systematically evaluate its products and activities and that, as an initial step in a three-year project between the Department and the Office, the first annual programme impact review was completed in January 2004, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002, and requests the Secretary-General to report further on the progress made to the Committee on Information at its twenty-seventh session;

40. Reaffirms that the Department of Public Information must prioritize its work programme while respecting existing mandates and in line with rule 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, to focus its message and concentrate its efforts better and, as a function of performance management, to match its programmes with

the needs of its target audiences, on the basis of improved feedback and evaluation mechanisms."